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OFFICE IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS  
MORRISTOWN

To the Honorable Board of Chosen Freeholders:

We present the annual report of the work  
of the Morris County Free Library as given by  
the county librarian, approved by this Commission,  
and attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Howard Hulsart, President

Mrs. Owen Winston, Vice-President

Mrs. Charles M. Sears, Secretary-Treasurer

Warren Kinney

Mrs. William Alexander Watts

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Morris County Library Commission - 1926

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Library staff

Edith L. Smith, Librarian

Jane H. Brown, Assistant Librarian  
(February to April)

~~Edna~~ V. Baldwin, Consulting Librarian  
Part time worker (from September)

Muriel E. Bown, Assistant

Lois S. Leprohon, Assistant

Dorthy H. Ake, Stenographer

Ailene Wheat (July and August)

Natalie L. Wiss (July and August)





To the Morris County Library Commission:

Your County Library now has 34,134 books. In four and one-half years of operation 41,210 books have been accessioned, stamped with marks of ownership and cataloged of which 7,076 have been worn out by readers.

One-third of the books placed in distributing agencies this year, for reloaning to individual borrowers, were books of a serious nature, that is books of non-fiction, two-thirds were of fiction. "The good book of fiction or romance, is a scientific work", says Lafcadio Hearn, "It has been composed according to the best principles of more than one science, but especially according to the principles of the great science of life, the knowledge of human nature."

The work of the County Library, under the first general heading of administration, which involves obtaining a staff; management of the budget; selection of the books; bargaining for the best possible price on all purchases; schedule of work; conferences with local authorities; generally maintaining satisfactory contact with co-operating channels in the county; and a myriad of other duties - naturally divides itself under three headings:

1. Work with local public libraries: those fully organized, open regularly a sufficient number of hours; and libraries in the early process of organization and development.

2. Work with schools, involving the two distinct types, high school, and elementary, with further division under these respective headings embracing first, permanent collections of books for extended use, and second, spasmodic collections of books on certain topics.





3. Extension work, including county library stations in stores, private houses, etc., and extension through other agencies, as camps.

Books are diverted through these channels of distribution by a staff of four, and one part time worker, at the headquarters office in the court house, this small staff even accomplishing the actual delivery of the books. In 1926, 31,285 books were issued to our agencies for relending.

From this point of delivery, local authorities, library associations, or public spirited individuals provide means for circulating books to the readers. Wherever local library committees are organized they are urged to have paid service as soon as possible as this frequently preserves a certain continuity and this year additional communities, including Pine Brook, Green Village, Denville and Stirling, now pay their librarians. Many individuals still freely give their time and effort to the county library work, with no reward beyond the feeling that they are helping toward the advancement of the general welfare of the local group.

In our four and one-half years of operation a staff several times the size and an appropriation of five times our amount would have been taxed to wholly satisfy requests which have come to us. The county library appropriation can cover the cost of furnishing not more than books, and supplies incidental to their circulation, therefore, each locality either through raising additional local support or through volunteer workers or donors must provide housing for the library or deposit station, and place someone in charge as librarian. This policy has prevailed since the founding of the county library. Good local libraries materially add to the





attractiveness and desirability of villages and towns, those used as summer resorts as well, and local authorities are more and more aware that good libraries attract good citizens.

In September a part time worker, a ~~foreign born~~ librarian of wide experience, was appointed to give her special attention to methods of circulating books from the smaller local libraries, to introduce a uniform routine system where possible, and to clear up the ways and means by which the book reaches the borrower. The mission of the librarian whether that individual be a professional worker or a volunteer, is to act as a "mediator between men and books". This necessitates a wide knowledge of both books and human nature and an understanding of the ways in which human needs and aspirations can be satisfied through books. The growth of library service and the rapid increase in the number of libraries has resulted in a body of experience which has made possible the professional training of librarians. Such a preliminary professional training is now as desirable for successful library service as is professional training in law, medicine, theology or teaching. Until such time, however, as each community is able to provide the full-time services of a professional librarian, or to combine with a neighboring community in securing such a librarian on a part time schedule, the county library endeavors to give the local librarian every possible assistance, and to acquaint her with the tools of the professional and the various aids which have been devised for quick and helpful service.

Classroom libraries in the elementary schools are to place good reading within easy reach of the children and to add to the interest in study through correlation with the curriculum. These





collections of books are made up at the county library office with due regard to the needs and tastes of the children, and wherever there is a local library open regular hours, in the vicinity of the school, the books for the schools are delivered through that library. The State Library Commission believes in furthering the prestige and progress of the neighborhood library, and the policy of the County Library Commission has followed this idea. Where school children are not within reach of a larger collection of books, and where the ages of the children vary considerably as in the smaller schools, the book car stops directly at the school.

Two more high schools have appointed teacher-librarians, and another, a senior student-librarian. A well conducted high school library is a live means of giving continual inspiration and help to every department of the school.

New printed "Rules for lending books," have been posted in the smaller library stations. A new County Library Station was opened at Landing in January 1926. Mrs. Charles Baker is chairman of the local library committee.

[The question "Have you a printed catalog?" is now answered. The need of a printed catalog of best books has been met this year by the 1926 Catalog, published by the American Library Association. This is an annotated list of the best popular books on a wide range of subjects, and will be considered the official catalog of the county library.] Copies will be placed in many of the centers but, because of their high cost, for reference use only. Requests from borrowers will not be limited to this excellent list, however, as the borrowers of the county library for inter-library borrowing are





infinite and not limited to any catalog.

It is a pleasure to report that we have received many letters from individuals expressing appreciation of the enjoyment they have had from reading county library books.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith L. Smith  
Librarian



## Book Resources and Circulation

### Book stock

|                                                                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of books in collection January 1, 1926 .....                                       | 30,144 |
| Books added to collection in 1926 .....                                                   | 6,649  |
| Books discarded from collection in 1926 .....                                             | 2,641  |
| Books crossed off our shelf-list to be returned<br>to New Jersey Library Commission ..... | 18     |
| Number of books in collection December <del>18</del> <sup>31</sup> , 1926.....            | 34,134 |

### Distribution of books

|                                                                                         |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Total number of contact points .....                                                    | 126    |
| Placed in local libraries, county library stations and<br>other agencies for reloaning: |        |
| Fiction .....                                                                           | 20,363 |
| Non-fiction .....                                                                       | 10,922 |
| Total books placed with agencies for reloaning .....                                    | 31,285 |
| Phonograph records and pictures loaned .....                                            | 318    |

### Circulation of Library Books

Number of library books issued for home use in  
territory served by the County Library:

|                                                                                  |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| By count .....                                                                   | 233,865       |
| By estimation (agencies not tabulating<br>circulation-greatly underestimated)... | <u>73,662</u> |
| Total circulation (partly estimated) .....                                       | 307,527       |





Classified directory of Morris County Library

Distributing Centers and contact points with names of Librarians  
in charge:

Public Libraries with Reading Rooms, served by the County  
Library:

Schools in the vicinity of the 13 Libraries listed are served by the County Library through these libraries.

1. Boonton - Holmes Library - Miss Anna E. Thibou, Librarian.
2. Chester Public Library - Miss Mabel V. Drake, Librarian.
3. Denville Public Library - Denville Home and School Association, Mrs. O. E. Armstrong, chairman library committee, to November. Mrs. A. Keeffe, Librarian, from November.
4. Lincoln Park Public Library - Miss Ernestine Dodd, Librarian.
5. Madison Public Library - Miss Norma B. Bennett, Librarian.
6. Mendham Public Library - Mrs. Hugo Eyrick, Librarian.
7. Millington Public Library - Mrs. A. T. Nash, Librarian.
8. Milton Public Library - Mrs. Albertine Ackerman, Librarian.
9. Morristown Library - Miss Katherine Tappert, Librarian.
10. Mountain Lakes Free Public Library - Miss Catharine Gerhart, June to October, 1926. Miss Gladys Muchmore from October, 1926.
11. Mount Tabor Library - Miss Charlotte Johns, Librarian (May to October.)  
    Mt. Tabor Winter Library - Mrs. George Tate (to May)  
    Mrs. N. S. Page (From October.)
12. Pompton Plains Library - Mrs. Sarah Allison Worden, Librarian.
13. Stirling Public Library - Mrs. W. E. Franck, Librarian.

County Library Stations in private houses:

1. Brook Valley - Miss Sarah Elizabeth Cook.
2. Gillette - Mr. George A. Cornish's home - Miss Selina A. Cooper, librarian.





3. Golden Glow Park, Mount Freedom - Mrs. Charles A. Frick.
4. Hanover Heights - Mrs. J. A. Keck.
5. Hanover - Mrs. LeMoyne Burleigh.
6. Ironia - Lower - Mrs. George Behr.
7. Kinnelon - Mrs. Russell Decker.
8. Littleton - Mrs. Charles Smith.
9. Masonic.- Mrs. Clarence Boyle.
10. Millbrook - Mrs. H. N. Smith.
11. Myersville - Mrs. Edwin Bebout.
12. Newfoundland - Mr. Arthur L. Dewire (to April)
13. Parker - Mrs. L. A. Philhower.
14. Parsippany - Miss B. H. Cooper (to April)
15. Pleasant Plains - Mrs. E. P. Jerling.
16. Pleasant Valley - Mrs. Eugene F. Mills.
17. Powerville - Mrs. Frank Estler.
18. Taylortown - Mrs. Walter Gould.
19. Towaco - Mrs. Augustus H. Adams.

Summer:

20. Bowlbyville - Mrs. John Gaffney.
21. Mt. Hope Avenue - Mrs. Albert Park.

County Library Stations in stores:

1. Cedar Knolls - Mr. William Michas's General Store (to May)
2. Drakestown - Mr. Mathias T. Thomas's General Store.
3. Flanders - Mr. E. C. Ashley's General Store.
4. Florham Park - Mr. Charles Cooper, U. S. Stores System.
5. Long Valley - Mrs. Margaret C. Miller's General Store. (to March)  
Mrs. Lewis Applegate's General Store. (from May)
6. Morris Plains - Mr. Abe Cohen's News Store.
7. Mount Hope - Mr. Edward Wright, Mt. Hope General Store.
8. ~~Nebo~~ - Mr. ~~Arthur~~ C



8. Netccong - Mr. Alt F. Clark, Gift and Flower Shop.
9. Pleasant Grove - Mr. James R. Sargent's General Store.
10. Troy Hills - Mr. Charles T. Oliver's Lunch Room and General Store.
11. Whippany - Mr. Frank Herringer's General Store.

Summer:

12. Budd Lake - "The Oasis" Mr. J. K. Frank.

County Library Stations in Post Offices:

1. Naughtright - Mr. Robert C. Carlisle (to August)
2. Riverdale - Mrs. Helen F. McMickle.
3. Schooley's Mountain - Mr. Charles Skinner.
4. Stephensberg - Mrs. Ella S. Apgar.

County Library Stations in Borough Halls:

1. Butler - Mr. John F. Bormuth.
2. Mount Arlington - Miss Rae B. Cook.

County Library Stations in Firehouses:

1. Green Village - Women's Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Dept. Mrs. Theodore Hinds, Chairman of Library Committee. Mrs. Delbert Engle, Librarian.
2. New Vernon - Neighborhood Library - Mrs. H. N. Ballentyne, Chairman Library Committee.
3. Pine Brook - Home and School Association, Mrs. M. Y. Poynter, President. Miss Florence Kerris, Librarian.

County Library Stations in Community Houses:

1. Washington Valley - Miss Catherine Smith.
2. Landing - Mrs. Charles F. Baker.

County Library Stations in Camps:

1. Woodport - Boy Scout Camp.

County Library Stations in Schools: Books loaned to teachers and Pupils only:

1. Bartley School - Miss Jessie Reger.





2. Boulevard School - Miss Gladys E. Blazier.
3. Brookside School - Mr. Frank E. VanOver.
4. Butler Public Schools - Mr. R. James Eilenberger.
5. Cross Roads School - Miss Roberta M. Hamilton (to June)
6. Flanders School - Mrs. Iva D. Hopler.
7. Flocktown School - Miss Gladys Ort.
8. Florham Park School - Mr. Frank Smith.
9. Green Village School - Mr. Gordon Taylor (to June)  
Miss Viola Egbert (from September)
10. Hanover School - Mr. Clarence W. Paugh.
11. Hanover Heights School - Mr. Frank J. Smith.
12. Kinnelon School - Mr. Harry B. Corey.
13. Long Valley School - Mr. Harry A. Coursen.
14. Lower Montville School - Mrs. Margaret E. Dreis (to June)  
Miss Ruth McConnell (From September)
15. Lynwood School - Mrs. Bessie T. Decker.
16. Malapardis School - Mrs. Alice Cronshey.
17. Masonic School - Miss Frances B. Howell.
18. Millbrook School - Mr. Edwin A. Lothrop (to June)  
Miss Ann B. Smith (From September)
19. Mine Hill School - Mr. Lindly C. Baxter.
20. Monroe School - Miss Louise Glanville.
21. Montville School - Mrs. Frances G. Kayhart (books loaned to adults  
also) (to June)  
Mr. David Malovany (from September)
22. Morris Plains School - Mr. W. Irving Lambert (to June)  
Mr. M. Robert Adam (from September)
23. Mount Arlington School - Mr. Squire L. Headley.
24. Mount Hope School - Mr. William E. Davenport.
25. Mount Tabor School - Mrs. Gladys S. McCartney (to June)  
Mr. William T. Leighton (from September)



26. Mount Vernon School - Miss Eleanor N. Paulson (to June)  
Miss Frederica Hagaman (from September)
27. Naughtright School - Mr. Plummer R. Harvey.
28. Netcong Public Schools - Mr. Joseph McMickle.
29. Newfoundland School - Miss Mary E. Vail (to June)
30. Parker School - Mr. Frank E. Depue (to June)  
Miss Emma Hendershot (from September)
31. Parsippany School - Miss Susan DeCamp.
32. Pequannock School - Miss Neva Fenner.
33. Pine Brook School - Mrs. Etta E. Konner.
34. Pleasant Grove School - Mrs. Minnie H. Sargent.
35. Pawerville School - Mrs. Bertha F. Courter.
36. Ralston School - Mrs. Katherine H. Babbitt.
37. Riverdale School - Mr. James F. Dodd.
38. Schooley's Mountain School - Miss Leila M. Smith (to June)  
Miss Gladys L. Sargent (from September)
39. Stephensburg School - Miss Elizabeth Van Saun.
40. Towaco School - Mr. William H. Mason, Jr.
41. Troy Hills School - Mr. Walter Hineline (to June)  
Mr. George Clark (from September)
42. Union School - Mr. Norman B. Taylor (to June)  
Miss Helen Goodale (from September)
43. Union Hill School - Mrs. Frances M. Dickerson (to June)  
Mr. Norman B. Taylor (from September)
44. Waterloo School - Mr. David Laventz. (to June)  
Miss Christine M. Griswold (from September)
45. Whippany School - Mr. Victor D. Woodruff.

County Library Stations in Schools: Books loaned to members of community as well as teachers and pupils:

1. Bowlbyville - Mrs. Edwina L. Kiser.
2. Budd Lake School - Miss Evelyn McMickle (to June)  
Mr. Edwin A. Lothrop, Jr. (from September)





3. Hibernia School - Mr. Charles D. Smook.
4. Hurdtown School - Miss Inez S. Norman (to June)  
Mr. Corneil A. Collins (from September)
5. Ironia School - Miss Amy Briant.  
Miss Mildred Hugg and sister in summer.
6. Logansville School - Mr. Lewis E. Horton (to June)
7. Lower Berkshire Valley School - Mrs. Albert Gordon.
8. Marcella School - Miss Elizabeth Markey.
9. Middle Valley School - Miss Grace Cregar (to June)  
Miss May E. Stonberg (from September)
10. Mount Fern School - Mr. Burton W. Romich (to June)  
Mr. E. Lynn Carpenter (from September)
11. Mount Freedom School - Mr. Walter R. Davis (to June)  
Mr. R. Elwin Matteson (from September)
12. Mount Hope Avenue School - Miss Mildred Lash.
13. Mount Olive School - Miss Mildred Bray (to June)
14. Mount Pleasant School - Mrs. Helen J. Larson.
15. Nolan's Point School - Miss Ellen Z. Tierney -  
Playhouse Park Inn in summer.
16. Philhower School - Mrs. Margaret V. Howell.
17. Port Morris School - Mr. George H. Bell - Queen Esther Circle  
in summer under Mrs. C. E. Force.
18. Rockaway Neck School - Miss Sadie H. Dixon.
19. Rockaway Valley School - Miss Emma M. Sutton (to June)  
Miss Mildred Bray (from September)
20. Succasunna - Roxbury Township High School Library - Mr. Will  
G. Atwood - Mrs. Edward C. Harvey in  
summer.
21. Upper Berkshire Valley School - Mrs. Grace E. Brown.

Private Schools and Libraries:

1. College of St. Elizabeth Library - Sister Mary Benita, Librarian
2. St. Michael's School - Netcong - Sister M. Alexis.

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County Y. H. C. A. office Blackwell Street, Dover, New Jersey.





Books placed in distributing agencies for reloading from January 1,  
1926 to December 31, 1926, itemized by locality.

|                                                |      |                                |      |
|------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|
| Bartley                                        | 163  | Morristown and Morris Township | 3219 |
| Boonton                                        | 1573 | Mt. Arlington                  | 401  |
| Boulevard                                      | 77   | Mt. Fern                       | 149  |
| Bowlbyville                                    | 238  | Mt. Freedom                    | 182  |
| Brookside                                      | 268  | Mt. Hope                       | 790  |
| Brook Valley                                   | 34   | Mt. Hope Avenue                | 181  |
| Budd Lake                                      | 266  | Mt. Lakes                      | 530  |
| Butler                                         | 913  | Mt. Olive                      | 175  |
| Cedar Knolls (station<br>closed early in 1926) | 42   | Mt. Pleasant                   | 394  |
| Chester                                        | 370  | Mt. Tabor                      | 412  |
| Cross Roads                                    | 63   | Mt. Vernon                     | 145  |
| Denville                                       | 639  | Myersville                     | 283  |
| Drakestown                                     | 152  | Naughtright                    | 134  |
| Flanders                                       | 343  | Netcong                        | 794  |
| Flocktown                                      | 112  | Newfoundland                   | 115  |
| Florham Park                                   | 657  | New Vernon                     | 282  |
| Gillette                                       | 193  | Nolan's Point                  | 338  |
| Golden Glow Park                               | 18   | Parker                         | 107  |
| Green Village                                  | 698  | Parsippany                     | 200  |
| Hanover                                        | 519  | Pequannock                     | 195  |
| Hanover Heights                                | 545  | Philhower                      | 50   |
| Hibernia                                       | 328  | Pine Brook                     | 490  |
| Hurdtown                                       | 122  | Pleasant Grove                 | 214  |
| Ironia                                         | 3455 | Pleasant Plains                | 272  |
| Kinnelon                                       | 237  | Pleasant Valley                | 101  |
| Landing                                        | 189  | Pompton Plains                 | 358  |
| Lincoln Park                                   | 345  | Port Morris                    | 308  |
| Littleton                                      | 221  | Powerville                     | 230  |
| Logansville                                    | 69   | Riverdale                      | 651  |
| Long Valley                                    | 446  | Ralston                        | 69   |
| Lower Berkshire<br>Valley                      | 373  | Rockaway Neck                  | 199  |
| Lower Montville                                | 99   | Rockaway Valley                | 67   |
| Lynwood                                        | 142  | Schooley's Mt.                 | 299  |
| Madison                                        | 467  | Stephensburg.                  | 260  |
| Malapardis                                     | 92   | Stirling                       | 687  |
| Marcella                                       | 254  | Succasunna                     | 755  |
| Masonic                                        | 121  | Taylorstown                    | 133  |
| Mendham                                        | 435  | Towaco                         | 323  |
| Middle Valley                                  | 267  | Troy Hills                     | 407  |
| Millbrook                                      | 290  | Union                          | 86   |
| Millington                                     | 365  | Union Hill                     | 231  |
| Milldale                                       | 44   | Upper Berkshire                | 180  |
| Milton                                         | 336  | Waterloo                       | 18   |
| Mine Hill                                      | 348  | Whippany                       | 632  |
| Monroe                                         | 26   | Woodport Scout Camp            | 50   |
| Montville                                      | 277  | Y. M. C. A. County             | 15   |
| Norris Plains                                  | 572  | Loans to other libraries       | 20   |
|                                                |      | Loans to individuals           | 461  |

31,285





Financial statement - 1926

By county appropriation .....\$15,333.95

County treasurer's balance  
December 31, 1925 - \$872.78  
minus December bills paid in  
January 1926 - \$841.12 ..... 31.66

State aid ..... 880.00

Damaged and lost books ..... 36.47

Interest credit ..... 26.89

To expenditures

Maintenance and permanent property

Books .....\$ 7,923.17

Salaries ..... 5,562.46

Automobile ..... 1,431.90  
(Includes cost of new Dodge Chassis)

Supplies and printing ..... 408.26

Improvement and equipment ..... 201.31

Telephone and insurance ..... 242.05

Postage ..... 163.75

Traveling expenses ..... 193.91

Interest on tax anticipation notes.. 175.01

County treasurer's balance Dec. 3,  
1926, \$100.56 minus Dec, 1926 bills  
paid in January 1927, \$ 93.41 ..... 7.15

Total ..... \$ 16,308.97 \$ 16,308.97

Financial Statement - 1932

By County Treasurer - 1932

County Treasurer - 1932

January 1932 - 1932

February 1932 - 1932

March 1932 - 1932

April 1932 - 1932

May 1932 - 1932

June 1932 - 1932

July 1932 - 1932

August 1932 - 1932

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October 1932 - 1932

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